

Reply To Examiner's Remarks

Claims 6-11, 14, 32-37 and 40, as amended, are presented for consideration,

The Examiner objects to the drawings in which the alert signal source recited in claim 32 should appear (Figure 7), but does not appear. Proposed amendments of Figure 7 are submitted here, showing the alert signal source in relation to the microphones at the left and right ears.

The Examiner rejects claims 6, 13, 32 and 39 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as being indefinite, noting the (1) claims 6 and 32 recite a selected time interval duration, $0.01 \leq \Delta t \leq 1$ sec that is not supported in the specification and (2) these claims do not indicate how the alert signal is distinguished from other auditory (background) signals. The Applicant thanks the Examiner for noting these discrepancies or omissions.

Claims 13 and 39 are canceled herein. Claims 6 and 32 are amended herein to respond to, and to correct, the rejected language in these claims.

The Applicant believes that the specification, the claims and the drawings, as presented, are now in proper form for allowance and requests that the Examiner pass the application, including claims 6-11, 14, 32-37 and 40, as amended, to issue as a U.S. patent.

Respectfully Submitted,


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FIG. 7